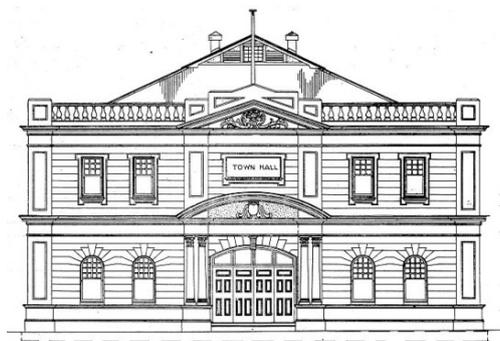


CLARE REGIONAL HISTORY GROUP

NEWSLETTER
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PURCHASE YOUR OWN COPY OF A SPECIAL DATE OF THE NORTHERN ARGUS

One of our most popular resources is *The Northern Argus*. For many of the issues we have a spare copy and these can be purchased for the price of \$20. Do you have a family member having special event such as a birthday or wedding anniversary? Check with us, we may be able to provide the perfect gift!

Visit the History Collection (upstairs, Clare Town Hall) to obtain your copy. Thurs & Fri 1-4pm.

Funds raised will go towards our current projects which include:

- Signage to list all burials in the Clare Cemetery
- Conservation of 160 World War I photos
- The research and erection of large interpretive signs for the Bain Rotunda, Clarevale, Berwick Street Reserve and Maynard Pioneer Park.

But don't be alarmed – we are only selling the spare copies. We hold a complete set of the paper back to the first issue in Feb 1869. Until Feb 2016 (see text box below) we relied on microfilm for the years from 1869 until 1956, after which we have the actual newspapers. The newspaper is also available on the National Library's digital newspaper website *Trove*. Another very useful tool is the Simple Index which provides a name index for the years from 1937 to 1990.

A SIGNIFICANT GIFT OF NEWSPAPER RESOURCES

In the first week of February we took delivery of a complete set of *The Northern Argus*, from the local Argus office which no longer has the storage capacity to retain and access the papers. For the first time we have paper copies of the earliest issues.

We are in the process of getting the volumes in order and planning our storage requirements. We hope to provide an area where these can be researched exclusively for those who prefer to look at the "real" newspaper and for projects where the paper version is easier to search. There will be an update in the next newsletter.

We sincerely thank the Argus staff for having the insight to pass the papers onto us, and for their continuing support as a long term Corporate Member of our History Group.

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New granite row markers just installed at Clare Cemetery by Council staff